It may be noted that under Amanikere atchkat there are 850 acres of wet lands, owned by 560 khatedars. Of them, Sri Channiah, Local Self-Government Minister, owns about three acres and odd. The above works are beneficial to him along with all the atchkatdars.

Regarding the allegations that the works have been entrusted to a member of the family of Sri Channiah, the enquiry reveals that it is not a fact. Works Nos. 1 and 2 are entrusted to several persons on piece-work system. Venkataramiah who is alleged to be a member of the family of Sri Channiah is not one of the piece-workers for these two works. Work No. 3 has been entrusted to three or four piece-workers. Among them, Venkataramiah is one. Work No. 4, *viz.*, the construction of the bridge has been entrusted to Jakriappa and Venkataramiah on piece-work system.

Regarding the allegation that Venkataramiah is related to Sri Channiah, there are two versions. Some people say that he is not related to Sri Channiah. A few individuals told me that his relationship could be traced through latter's maternal uncle. But it is definitely ascertained that this Venkataramiah is neither a member of the family nor is he living in the house of Sri Channiah. He is living at Gulpet which is about half a mile from Sri Channiah's house. It is relevant to add here that the brother-in-law of Sri Channiah who is managing the Flour Mill and other household affairs of Sri Channiah is one Sanjeeviah who has nothing to do with any one of these works. It is ascertained from the Executive Engineer that these two piece-workers Jakriappa and Venkataramiah had helped the P.W.D. in breaking the combination of the contractors at the time of the disposal of the assets at the Kolar Aerodrome. The Executive Engineer has obtained the approval of the Superintending Engineer for entrusting work on piece-work system. It is reported by the Deputy Commissioner that only three persons have presented petitions to him praying for exchange of lands. Excepting for the proposed new irrigation road, there is no necessity to acquire any private land for the other works. The bridge is being constructed on the Government land and the approach road is also on the Government land. The Executive Engineer has informed that the construction of the bridge in question was one of the subjects included in the tour notes of the then Revenue Minister during the year 1947. In the tour notes of Sri Channiah, the Local Self-Government Minister, the bridge is also included. The Local Self-Government Minister has not been responsible for the giving of any contract.

For the formation of the new irrigation road, proceedings have been started for acquiring the necessary lands. About six acres of land will come under the road. I am told that Sri Channiah is also going to lose a portion of his lands.

Allegations have appeared in some newspapers that water works that are in progress in Kolar Town are intended to benefit only Hospet Colony where the residence of Sri Channiah is situated. The connected plans were examined and it is found that all the schemes are intended to benefit the entire town.

From the above circumstances, I am satisfied that the Local Self-Government Minister has not misused his powers and the question of favouritism or nepotism on his part does not arise.

Statement of Sri T. Channiah, Minister for Public Health and Local-Self Government.

Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government) —

Sir, In connection with the formation of certain roads and construction of a certain bridge near Kolar Amanikere, I wish to make the following statement.—

I have seen some press reports containing certain allegations against me in the above connection. Some persons

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have also made statements concerning the same subject which contain similar allegations. At the outset, I may at once state that these allegations are false, baseless, and are not *bona fide*.

Regarding the editorial in the "Deccan Herald" dated 18th March 1953, I may state that the Proprietors of the "Deccan Herald' are well known Excise Contractors. During the last auction sales of arrack, etc., in Bangalore City, Civil Station and Bangalore Taluk held by the Deputy Commissioner, although these contractors knocked down the bobs for a very low sum, Government did not confirm the sale. If this sale had been confirmed, Government would have lost to the tune of about 12'5 lakhs of rupees and to that extent, the contractors concerned would have benefited.

Further, in Bangalore area, the minimum rate of four annas per bottle of date and cocoanut drawn toddy was raised to annas 0-5-6 and 0-6-6 respectively by the Government. The proprietors of the "Deccan Herald" have been upset by the new rates and have vented their feelings against me who happens to be the Minister for Excise Department.

It is regrettable that the wrath of these people has fallen on one who has tried to perform public duty without fear or favour.

I suspect an unholy alliance between some persons inimically disposed towards me and the Proprietors of the "Deccan Herald", resulting in scurrilous propaganda against me through scandalous headlines.

BUDGET FOR 1953 54—DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

1. Land Revenue —*continued.*

Mr. SPEAKER.—The next cut motion stands in the name of Sri R. Anantaraman.

Unsatisfactory Collection of Arrears of Land Revenue.

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಅನಂತರಾಮಣ್ (ಚಾಮರಾಜಪೇಟೆ).— ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ನನ್ನ ಖೋತಾ ನಿರ್ಣಯವು ಈ ರೀತಿಯಾಗಿದೆ.—ಅದನ್ನು ಮಂಡಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ:

"ಜಮಾನು ಕಂದಾಯ ಎಂಬ ಬಾಬಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೋರಿರತಕ್ಕ 32,71,000 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳ 'ಡಿಮ್ಯಾಂಡ್' ಮನವಿಯ ಸಂಬಂಧದಲ್ಲಿ 100 ರೂ. ಗಳನ್ನು ಕಡಮೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು (ಜಮಾನು ಕಂದಾಯದ ಬಾಕಿಗಳ ವಸೂಲಾತಿಯು ಸಮರ್ಪಕವಾಗಿಲ್ಲವೆಂಬ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಚರ್ಚೆ ನಡೆಯುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ.)

ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಬಡ್ಜೆಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಾದ ಹಾಗೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಕಂದಾಯ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ಬರತಕ್ಕ ಉತ್ಪತ್ತಿ ಸುಮಾರು 1 ಕೋಟಿ 25 ಲಕ್ಷ 25 ಸಾವಿರ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು. ಇದು 1952-53 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಕೋಟಿ 15 ಲಕ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ಇಳಿಯಿತು. ಈ ವರ್ಷ ಒಂದು ಕೋಟಿ 20 ಲಕ್ಷ 25 ಸಾವಿರ ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ತೋರಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಎಂದರೆ ಈ ವರ್ಷ 10 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನು ಜಾಸ್ತಿಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

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ಇದೇ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಡ್ಜೆಟ್ ಮೆಮೊರಾಂಡಮ್ಮಿನ 72ನೆಯ ಪುಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಲ್ಯಾಂಡ್ ರೆವೆನ್ಯೂ ಬಾಬಿನಲ್ಲಿ Opening balance ಎಂದು ತಾವು 99,29,636 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನು ತೋರಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಹೀಗೆ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಆದಾಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಮಾರು ಒಂದು ಕೋಟಿ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳ ಕಂದಾಯದ ಬಾಕಿ ಬರಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ನಾನೇಕೆ ಇದನ್ನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ನಮಗೆ ಬರಬೇಕಾದ ಕಂದಾಯವನ್ನು ಬಾಕಿ ಬಿಡದೆ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ವಸೂಲು ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ತೆರಿಗೆ ಹಾಕುವ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆಯೇ ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ರೆಮಿಷ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾದ್ದನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಮಾಡಿ ಬಿಟ್ಟಮೇಲೆಯೂ ಉಳಿದಿದ್ದನ್ನೂ ಪೂರ್ತಿಯಾಗಿ ವಸೂಲು ಮಾಡದೆ ಹೀಗೆ ಬಾಕಿಬಿಟ್ಟಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವೇನು? ಇದೇ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಖರ್ಚಿನ ಬಾಬನ್ನು ನೋಡುವುದಾದರೆ ಪಟೇಲ್ ಶ್ಯಾನುಭೋಗರುಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊಡತಕ್ಕ ಪೋಟಿಗೆ ಸಂಭಾವನೆಗಾಗಿ ಎಂದು 1952-53ನೆಯ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ 22 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನೂ, 1953-54ನೆಯ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ 16 ಲಕ್ಷ ಚಿಲ್ಲರೆಯನ್ನೂ ತೋರಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಿ. 1952-53ನೆಯ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಆಗಿರುವ ರಿವೈಸ್ಡ್ ಎಸ್ಟಿಮೇಟ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ 19 ಲಕ್ಷದ 60 ಸಾವಿರ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳಾಗಿವೆ. ಹೀಗೆ 16 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳಿಂದ 22 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳವರೆಗೂ ಇರುವ ವೆಚ್ಚ ಪಟೇಲ್ ಶ್ಯಾನುಭೋಗರುಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿರತಕ್ಕ ಪೋಟಿಗೆ ಆಗಿದೆ. ಇಷ್ಟು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಕೊಡಕೂಡದೆಂದೇನೂ ನಾನೀಗ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಇಷ್ಟು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಖರ್ಚುಮಾಡಿದ ಮೇಲೂ ಸುಮಾರು 91 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನು ಬಾಕಿ ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವುದನ್ನು ಖಂಡಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿಯೇ ನಾನು ಈ ಖೋತಾ ನಿರ್ಣಯವನ್ನು ತಂದಿರುವುದು. ನಾವು ನಮ್ಮನೆ ತೆರಿಗೆಹಾಕುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಬದಲು, ನಮಗೆ ಬರಬೇಕಾದ ಬಾಕಿಯನ್ನು ವಸೂಲುಮಾಡದಿದ್ದರೆ ಇಷ್ಟೊಂದು ಜನ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಎಂದರೆ ಸಬ್‌ಡಿವಿಜ಼ನ್ ಆಫೀಸರುಗಳು, ಅಮಲ್ದಾರರುಗಳು, ಪಟೇಲ್ ಶ್ಯಾನುಭೋಗರುಗಳು ವರ್ಷವೆಲ್ಲಾ ಏನು ಕೆಲಸಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ? ಬಾಕಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ವಸೂಲುಮಾಡದೆ ವರ್ಷೇ ವರ್ಷೇ ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ತೆರಿಗೆ ಹಾಕಿದರೆ ಜನರು ಸುಮ್ಮನೆ ಇರುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ? ಈಗ ವರ್ಷೇ ವರ್ಷೇ ವಸೂಲುಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಕಂದಾಯ ಸುಮಾರು 62%ರಷ್ಟು ಮಾತ್ರ,